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TOP DRAWER STUFF

Dear Editors:

Your magazine always brings me a great deal of joy, but today, having given out for adoption all but one out of a litter of eight kittens, it put me in a nostalgic mood. That little blond fellow in the top drawer is the one I am keeping to try and fill the empty space his uncle left when he passed on the day before this litter was born. Alexander (Sandy) has known from the very day he was born that he was special as he was the only light colored one in the litter.

I know people give strange names to the cats that adopt them, but just for proving it, you may be interested in the names of Alexander's brothers and sisters: Roxana, Fatima, Scheherazade II, Eurydyce, Romulus and Remus (the twins) and Omar. The people who have them all plan to let them keep their original names.

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REMEMBER?

Dear Editors:

Recently I had the good fortune to find a copy of CATS Magazine, October 1946 issue.

What met my eyes at first glance was an exceptional picture—a black Manx and a Seal Point Siamese as buddies. The article about them written by Gladys Taber said, "How sorry I am, when I see Esme and Tigger sitting together on my desk, for everyone who does not have at least two cats—at least one Siamese and at least one Manx."—I heartily agree with Mrs. Taber as I have eight of each breed and one of my Manx is solid black just like her Tigger.

Mrs. W. R. Ham
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SOME NEW BREEDS

Dear Editors:

We enjoy CATS very much and are a bit furtive about admiring the gorgeous show cats when we look at our own motley assortment of "Look-what-I-brought-you,-Mom" and "Hotdog,-fellows,-the-people-here-are-suckers" types of pets. At present we have five inside-belonging cats, one outside-belonging cat, one you-can-belong-inside-as-long-as-you-stay-from-under-the-bed cat. Being convivial souls, the count is not guaranteed.

We have finally found a perfect place for our expanding family of felines on the waters of Puget Sound, well away from the highway and with plenty of timber for sanctuary. The back porch bears tribute every morning. Choice size rats, delectable mice, moles of varigated size, garter snakes and just *things* in general.

We particularly enjoy your question and answer section. Vet's bills can amount to a tidy sum and much of your advice has been very useful.

All of the errors in typing are not mine. Blanche (cat) is just learning to type and as fast as I pick her off the desk she whizzes back—via my leg!

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MR. BOO'S BOOBOO

Dear Editors:

Enclosed is a picture I took of my Mr. Boo about a month ago. One of his favorite sports is raiding the cupboard and every time I catch him at it, his attitude seems to be "I did it—so what!" He is six months old—a buff colored Persian with gold eyes and I may be prejudiced, but I think he is a beauty.

I am an enthusiastic new subscriber to CATS Magazine and feel that you are offering a well-rounded assemblage of entertainment and information for cat lovers everywhere.

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COVER

Silent, inscrutable, mysterious, majestic—the timeless image of the cat which man can never understand or explain is the theme of this month's Hallowe'en season cover. Used through the courtesy of Martin, Baltimore.

DECLAWING DISCUSSION

Dear Editors:

You and your readers seem to be sincerely concerned with the welfare of cats, pedigreed or otherwise. I am greatly alarmed at the popularity among veterinarians of the practice of declawing cats. Some argue that they leave the back claws which enable it to climb. I maintain the back claws are not curved and therefore cannot hook into wood. There is always the chance that a house cat, even kept in constantly or leashed, will be faced with the need to escape danger by climbing, and without claws that is impossible. Death or maiming may often result.

I've written many letters to all societies, humane, cat and veterinarian, and have met with no success in getting a law passed to make this amputation illegal. How many people agree with me?

Another thing that makes me boil is the old dirge that cats kill birds—but so do humans. There are millions of birds killed by boys and by hunters. A small town near here even got up a "posse" armed with shotguns to shoot starlings. Even our president shot a bunch of pigeons which were roosting on the barn at his Gettysburg farm. Quite frequently birds become an absolute economic problem to the farmer, and he could not operate without cats to keep mice and rats away.

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DEATH FOR DELILAH

by

Viola Goode Liddell



Photo by John F. Moore

Delilah was a witch! A murderess and a witch, or I was losing my mind! I had always had misgivings about a black cat, but now that I had positive proof that slinky, jet-black Delilah had killed her kittens and walked through the walls of a closed room in which she committed the crime, my misgivings changed to fearful convictions.

After hearing my testimony against Delilah that morning, my husband withheld comment, but with my two children upholding my verdict of guilty, we condemned her to death—a merciful death, of course, by the veterinarian. But, almost before I had made the decision, I found myself wavering.

As I looked at Delilah crouched there on the floor, flicking her snake-like tail back and forth, eying every move I made as if accusing me of doing away with her kittens, a fear seized me that perhaps her death would settle nothing but only provoke a clear and present danger for us all—for me in particular.

After all, if Delilah while alive could walk through walls, what mightn't she do when dead? "We'll wait until noon," I hedged, hesitating to admit that it was fear which prompted my leniency.

With the children off to school, Delilah kicked out the back door. Her kittens buried, I set about the necessary household chores with Delilah—and myself—very much on my mind. Step by step I went over the case against Delilah. Ten days before when I had seen that Delilah was hunting a place to have her kittens, I prepared a basket and shut her in the dressing room—a fair-sized room, opening by a door into the bathroom and into our bedroom by a low casement window. There were no other exits.

Here the kittens were born—all jet-black like herself. Here Delilah remained, apparently content, until the kittens were ten days old. That day she moved them, hiding them so well that even she could not find them. Together we searched until we finally found them in the attic. The only access was a ladder built vertically onto a closet wall which led through a sort of manhole in the ceiling. It was hard to believe a cat could climb such a ladder, but once I started up, Delilah raced ahead of me like a squirrel. After moving Delilah and her family downstairs, I locked the closet door, shutting off any access to the ladder.

Next morning Delilah was missing. I called and hunted, but she was not to be found. As a last resort I went back to the attic. Sure enough, there she was, calling for her kittens. Apparently she had forgotten that I had moved them the day before.

How she got there, Will, Sr., and I were wondering as we sat in the living room after supper that night. "She must have climbed the big oak, jumped to the gutter, and from there, crawled through the woodpecker's hole under the eaves," Will explained. But his explanation was too fantastic for me to believe. Later on I had reason to doubt it even more.

This excursion into the attic recalled to mind some other strange feats of Delilah's. She had belonged to my brother before coming to us. It so happened that late one night my brother's home burst into uncontrollable flames. At the moment when the fire was at its height, someone remembered that Delilah had been shut up in the pantry for the purpose of ridding the place of mice. As we were grieving over poor Delilah's untimely cremation, who should appear, unsinged, tail up, but Delilah as proud as a fire bug at her own fire. To this day no one knows how she escaped.

Because a city apartment could not hold my brother's pets, we took Delilah in. But having so many cats already, we decided to give Delilah away. We put her in a heavy cardboard box, securely tied. The box was put into the back of a spring wagon; but seven miles away, when the driver reached his destination and opened the box—still tied—Delilah was gone. Two mornings later she was sitting on our back steps waiting to be let in.

At the very moment we were talking about Delilah she darted through the room with a kitten in her mouth. "The old dunce," I exploded, dashing after her, "taking the kittens to the attic again."

I carried her and the kitten to the dressing-room and shut them in. I was determined that she should not drag this family to death as she had dragged another of theirs. That time she had taken her young ones first to the barn loft; next, climbing the draperies, she hid them on top of the wardrobe. Finally she took them to the attic of the tool shed, where we found them dead—literally dragged to death.

We were in bed before it occurred to me that we had prepared no sand box for Delilah. I had intended to keep her shut in for the night, but now I compromised my resolve. Shutting off all access to the stairs, I cracked the screen door which opened outside from our bedroom, and raised the casement window between Delilah's room and ours enough for Delilah to climb through if she wished. As I raised the window I particularly noticed Delilah curled up contentedly in the basket.

I had hardly gotten settled again when I heard a kitten cry out. "The old devil's trying to move them again," I groaned.

"Shut her in," Will grunted, "sand or no sand."

Snapping on the bed lamp, I went again to the window, and seeing Delilah sitting this time in the basket, I shut the window for the last time that night.

The next morning I woke early and suddenly! I sat bolt upright, not believing my eyes, for there sat Delilah on the foot of our bed eying me suspiciously.

I nudged Will awake. "Look!" I cried, pointing to Delilah.

"Well," yawned Will, "somebody's opened the door and let her out."

I ran to the bathroom door. It, like the window, was shut fast.

"Then Delilah just wasn't in there last night when you shut the window," Will insisted, becoming mildly irritated.

But Delilah was. I had seen her with my own two eyes!

I went into the dressing room. Boxes

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

COLLECTED BY ANNE METCALF

CALICO KITTEN

This was a dark day.
The city towers burned
gold lights against the gray.
Slowly the planet turned.

Strange beauty moved along
the blue-green fence and paused:
a creature bright as song
sharpened her happy claws.

Orange and white and black,
with a small devilish face,
the kitten humped her back
with calico-crazy grace,

and gay and beautiful
stepped fencetop and away.
However dark and dull,
this was a good day.

—Frances Frost

QUEEN FOR TODAY

Grayfur, today, has been walking on air,
A new gleam is added to her amber stare;
She acts like a princess; she's proud and she's vain;
She looks on the two younger cats with disdain.

I poured her a dish of her favorite milk,
And stroked her soft fur that is finer than silk;
I praised her and gave her the run of the house—
This brave little pussy, who caught her first mouse.

—M. Kathleen Haley

Kittens and good scientists tend to let new experiences pour in until some kind of workable relationships with past experience are established. They do not pretend to know all about something that they know nothing about. We should do well to emulate them.
—Stuart Chase, *The Tyranny of Words*

KIM ON SUNDAYS

On Sundays I lie under cars
And freely lubricate my fur
With various odiferous tars.
On Sundays I lie under cars;
The household thinks this rather mars
My beauty. I rebel; I purr
As Sundays I lie under cars
And freely lubricate my fur.

—Patricia Duff McGinley

A CAT WILL LISTEN

Take your anger to a cat.
You can leave it safely there;
You can empty out your heart
And stroke the contents into fur.

A cat will listen quietly
Though your very roots are stirred.
With eyes expressing sympathy
He does not speak one bitter word.

There is no controversy in
His mobile figure built on grace.
You can find your peace again
In a whiskered placid face.

—Elva Ray Harris

CAT TRAILS

The paws that made the foot prints
Came in the kitchen door
And made a wavy pattern
Across my just waxed floor.

They leaped onto the table,
Then over to the sink;
They paused and made a jumble
As kitty took a drink.

They tried a chair, a pillow,
('Oh, where to take a nap?')
So they were almost dry when
They jumped into my lap!

—Dorothy Phillips

DUEL FELIDAE

Wire stiff for slow motion,
Toms chew the ancient saliva of hate
over title and tabby.

Maneuvering closer,
they hold unspeakable sabers sheathed
under velvet and silk.

Their insults crescendo,
offend, afflict the chewed ears and soar
thin
in fang-sharpened screams.

Blue whirls with the yellow,
claws rip at bellies of beautiful fur,
seek vulnerable throats.

Wired stiff for sure motion,
the vanquished yellow concedes all his
right
to tabby and title.

Blue Boy out of Bel by Champion Sorab
Was never like this at home!

—Margaret Secrist

BIRTHDAY FOR THOMAS

Since ten's an age that marks, in cat,
A ripe old age in man,
We thought, relieved, that this was that—
It was high time our pet began
A moral cycle, as it were,
To save his ego—and his fur.
For now, perhaps, he'd not return
From many a raucous amour
So scratched and torn from stem to stern
That substitute for glamour
Was stitch and salve and soap.
This morning, minus dabs of skin
(Alas for optimistic hope)—
That dratted cat slunk meekly in
From raising more nocturnal cain.
I knew what that familiar wail meant,
And, as I patched him up again
I thought of wives whose spouses' ailment
Made Tom and them close kin!

—Martha Sherwood Johnson

Confront a child, a puppy, and a kitten with a sudden danger; the child will turn instinctively for assistance, the puppy will grovel in abject submission, the kitten will brace its tiny body for a frantic resistance.
—Hector Hugh Munro ("Saki"),
The Achievement of the Cat

ONE PROBLEM SOLVED

Across my wide inviting yard
Smug neighbors go and come,
"You can't afford so many cats,
You should get rid of some."

"Your old black tomcat spits and bites,"
My friendly neighbors say.
He's the only cat that talks to me,
I can't give him away.

Come good or ill, my orange cat
Will rub my shins and purr;
She's the only mother on the place,
I can't get rid of her.

Fifteen kittens of sundry size,
And verigated hues,
Which ones to keep, which ones should go,
I really cannot choose.

But still my neighbors say I *must*,
And that right shortly too
What is a poor beleagured dame,
In such a case to do?

Get rid of all the neighbors? WOW!
And keep each darling cat,
You see, my dear cat-loving friends,
It's as simple as just that.

—Elizabeth Barr Arthur

PUT YOUR PUSS IN PICTURES

Cats and cameras go together—and whether your cat is a descendant of one of the ancient feline aristocracies or comes from a long line of "domestics" it will make a perfect subject if you do right by it.

You may just want a few snapshots for the family album or to send to your friends—or you may have the Picture of the Month prize in mind—whatever your reasons, it's fun to picture your puss, if you'll do right by her.

The snap shots that do cats justice are the ones that show off their best points—or that that endear them to you . . . the ones that show their personality and individuality.

Picture your cat in natural surroundings—outdoors and in. Inside, it's just as easy when you use flash. You can follow your pet to any part of the house, to snap a picture where and when you wish. And, with the fast flash lamps that are used with simple cameras, you're pretty well assured against blur if kitty suddenly decides to take off.

The background is important. A contrasting background, simple as can be, will show your pet off to best advantage.

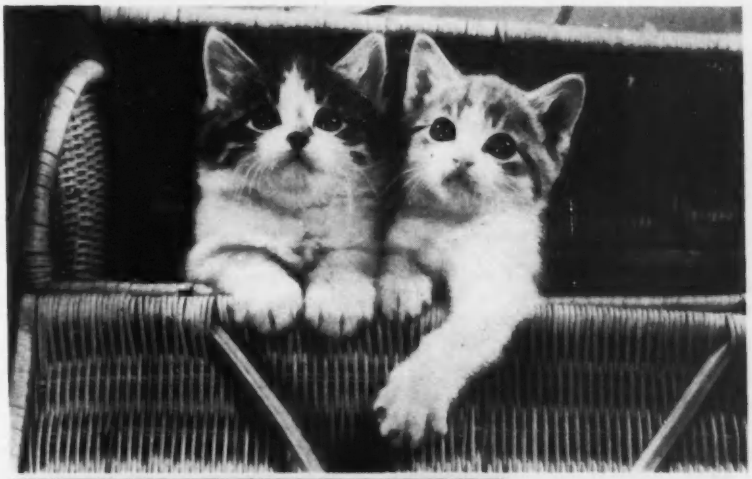
Avoid wall-paper patterns inside, shrubbery and the like outside. Try "shooting" your pet from various angles to achieve interesting effects and attain a neutral background. Move in as close as your camera permits. If you shoot from too great a distance, your cat will be but a speck. Try shooting at the cat's own eye level sometimes. This keeps things in proper perspective.

A "center of attention" for your cat will help bring out the alertness, both in body position and expression. The center of attention can be either on or off camera, as you wish—and can be as simple as your making a noise that you know from experience will attract his attention.

It may take a little planning, but you'll find it a source of permanent pleasure to take pictures of your cat that really do him justice and that you can be proud of.



You're sure of a good picture if you snap kittens in their own setting. These kits stopped chasing each other over the stack of empty flower pots and turned toward the camera when the photographer snapped his fingers.



Picturing kittens in a basket isn't a new idea—but if done well, it has timeless appeal. Careful lighting and good camera angle are important.

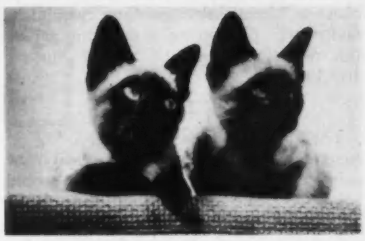


Left—Letting the sun come from the back and side enhances the beauty of this kitten in an outdoor sitting. (D. E. Tyler photo)



If your subject is on the floor, you've got to get close to it yourself. Shooting from above dwarfs your pet's importance.

Careful planning went into the shot below. Note the plain background, and the textured bench in contrast with the cats' smooth coats.





"Family on a Stroll" is enlarged from only a small section of a negative. Technical quality gives place to its appeal to all cat lovers.



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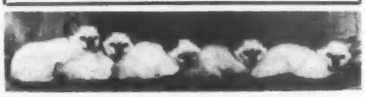
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'Tips to the Novice' by Blanche Wolfram

MY DREAM

Have you ever had a dream that was beyond all realization? Have you ever wished that your guardian angel would hear your plea and give you that which you wanted so much? Maybe we haven't thought about it like that since we were kids, but wouldn't it be wonderful if our dreams could come true.

I have been asked many times if I had a cattery in mind that would be just what I wanted. Yes, I have, but I am afraid my Dream Cattery is just that—a dream. I may never realize my fondest dream but, I will never entirely erase it from my mind.

True, the cattery I have in mind would be very expensive, but one could economize, by making it smaller with not as much equipment or as many fine features. However, I do believe that it could form a basis for those of you who are about to construct a cattery. It could very easily be adapted to an Animal Hospital with a few changes here and there and I am sure it would be a very efficient one.

I am about to share my dream with you and I hope that you will agree with me that this would be the last word in construction, convenience, upkeep and cleanliness.

FIREPROOF

First of all I would have a building that was fireproof. We hear from time to time cases where catteries have been burnt to the ground or where explosions of one thing or another have caused the death of many cats. To prevent this I would make everything fireproof. The building would be of concrete block with interior partitions of metal and glass. The roof could very well be made from steel joists with a fireproof flat surface on top. The ceiling could be one suspended from the bottom of the joists thereby allowing an airspace between the ceiling and roof. The roof would be flat to allow several inches of water to remain, thereby cooling the interior of the building. All doors and windows will be of steel and glass. The floors will be concrete. The only basement would be under the portion of the front where the reception room, office and nursery are located.

EXTERIOR

The outside of the building, being of concrete block, could very easily be painted a gleaming white. This would not only make the building clean looking, but white reflects the rays of the sun thereby helping to keep the interior cool. The windows which run full length and around the front could have their sashes painted that beautiful soft red we see more and more these days, and the doors could be this color, too. Of course, they both would be of metal and glass construction with built in screens and storm protection. Over the windows and doors I would use the new metal awnings that are so appealing with colors to match. A well-kept lawn with bushes and a tree or two would add to the beauty of the entire layout.

INTERIORS

All rooms would be made of tile with concrete floors. There could be connections provided for hot and cold water for easy cleaning. Of course, a drain would take care of the waste water. I would also have a connection to a central suction system thereby doing away with the vacuum cleaner. Each room would have its own thermostat for controlling temperatures for both winter and summer. I would install germicidal lamps of proper size in the rooms. One thing more. There could be a connection for a pressurized steam system for sanitation. This is an ideal method of controlling fleas, fungus and all kinds of bacteria. I do not think there is anything that will do a better job in sterilizing everything than this steam system. The ceilings could be made of plaster coated with a rubberized paint. All interior partitions could be made of tile and in some places metal paneling with metal doors, flush type, and glass could be used, enabling one to clean or shut off any room without disturbing any other room. This would be a great advantage.

RECEPTION ROOM

This room needn't be too large but with the addition of chrome chairs and tables and an occasional lamp it could be made to look very cheerful. On the table could be placed some CATS magazines, an album of photos, and an album showing the championship certificates. Around the room would be wall cabinets where some of the most important ribbons such as All-Sectionals or All-Americans could be displayed. Perhaps on one wall there could be an enlarged photo of your finest cat. These could very well entertain your customers until such time that you could give them your attention, and would also help you in consummating a sale.

OFFICE

An office is a vital part of a cattery and could be equipped with a desk, several chairs, lamps, filing cabinets and a typewriter. Here is where the business can be conducted because everything could be kept neat and at hand. With all your papers filed in the cabinets you

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could very quickly give all the needed information in short order. Here again you could have more photos, certificates and ribbons placed around the walls. The decoration of the reception room as well as the office could be left to one's individual taste.

NURSERY

This is one of the most important rooms of all for without the birth of kittens no cattery could exist. This room should be gleaming white and hospital clean. There will be many nights that you will spend in this room of watchful waiting, so I would suggest a double bunk with one bed that you may utilize, and one for another member of your family. The maternity cage could be made of porcelain for easy sterilizing and would be set on rollers for quick maneuvering. A porcelain sink with hot and cold running water will be necessary for it will be used often. Lining one of the walls should be porcelain cabinets for keeping all the necessary items that are to be used at a time like this. There should also be a cabinet for sterile cloths and paper towels. Of course, a disposal can is a very necessary item too.

The following is a list of some of the things I would consider of necessity in the nursery. I mentioned the clean cloths and the paper. A medicine dropper for feeding the new born kits, if necessary, and along with it should be some canned milk. You might also have some canned baby foods handy. A thermometer is needed for the taking of temperatures. You see, 101.5° is normal, and before the actual births the temperature will go as low as 99° but, should it rise above normal you are in for trouble, and a veterinarian should be consulted. An electric heating pad or hot water bottle for keeping the new born kittens warm while the fur is drying is quite a necessity. A little whiskey and some meratycin tablets in case of trouble. Then too it is wise to have a good antiseptic available. A flashlight and a pair of scissors will come in handy.

CENTRAL HALLWAY

A door in the office would open into a central hallway which would also be made of tile with a concrete floor. Both sides of the hallway would have a metal partition with doors having full length glass and also glass on both sides of the doors. This would make it ideal for prospective customers to view the cats and kittens and would minimize the threat of contamination without injuring the viewers' feelings. After they had made their selection in this way you could bring the kitten out to the front. Nobody but yourself would come in contact with the other cats and kittens in this setup. After the departure of the customers you could very quickly sterilize the hallway. Another use for the hallway would be for exercising kittens and young cats. They would have a long runway in which to race around to their hearts content.

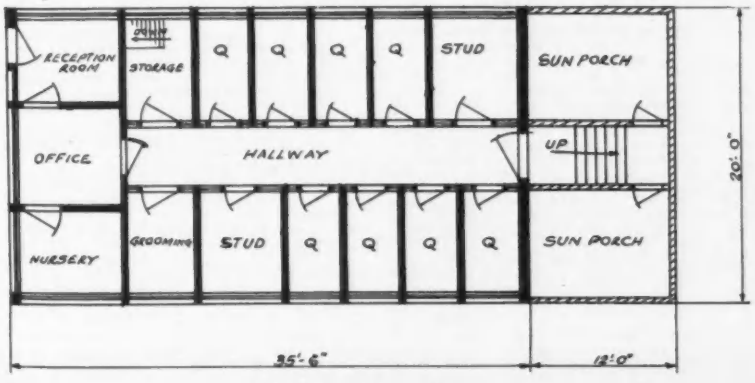
STORAGE ROOM

Everybody thinks of a storage room where old things are kept but with this one that is not the case. It would be used for keeping a deep-freeze filled with meat and other perishable foods. Shelves would line the walls for keeping canned and jarred foods. You could also keep there the litter for use in the sanitary pans. This space will be very helpful for it will allow you to buy in quantities thereby saving quite a bit in expense.

GROOMING ROOM

This room would not only serve as a grooming place but also can be used as the medical center. Here is where most of the equipment would be kept. There should be two laundry trays, preferably of porcelain, with an arrangement for placing a flat top over them to serve as an additional table. This is where the bathing takes place and if any dipping is required it can be done here. There should be two other tables with porcelain tops. Several porcelain cabinets can be very well used for the storing of medicines and all other equipment pertinent to the requirements.

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October Picture of the Month by John F. Moore

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Mr. Moore, in any event, used his "Blackie" and a four-by-five Korona View camera to earn him the $25.00 U.S. Bond which goes to one of you contestants every month. Haven't you a cat or two and a prop or two around the house that you can combine to capture the attention of the judges? Our article on page six of this issue of CATS gives a few good hints to keep in mind that will add value to your pictures. And, whether or not you win a $25.00 Bond or the Picture of the Year $100.00 Bond, you'll have the pleasure of taking good pictures of your favorite pet, and the pride of showing them to your friends and family.

Get in the contest now—November 14 is the deadline for 1956 entries. The box below gives complete rules. Study them carefully, take your pictures, send them in, and good luck to you.

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A GREAT CAT

by **O. Patterson**

Sammie was the biggest, blackest and most frolicsome of the litter born on the back porch of his Indiana home. He was the kind of kitten you simply couldn't part with even though you plain didn't need another cat. When quite young he gave his heart to his mistress, then in her late teens, and she never disappointed him until her college term began. For the life of him, Sammie couldn't see the wisdom of a college education—not when it meant separating him from his beloved mistress. He tried to dissuade her, even crawled into suitcases and refused to budge, thinking, perhaps, that if he could stop the packing she couldn't go. When vacation time drew near he seemed to sense it and was always the first to greet her upon her return.

His favorite perch was atop a gatepost by the diningroom window. From this vantage point he could watch both front and back yard, and also peer through the window and see when dinner was ready. He could even reach over and tap on the the window! That post was Sammie's own—he wouldn't allow his own mother to sit there!

When his mistress married and went to South Dakota to live, Sammie went along of course. What's more, he liked his new home. His mistress was there, wasn't she? And home is where the heart is. He supervised the unpacking, then found himself a comfortable place to sleep. Soon he was calling on the neighbors, and taking a lively interest in the chickens and rabbits across the unpaved street. When the street was muddy, Sammie would call for someone to bring a plank for him to cross on. And he learned to open the new refrigerator door and serve himself a snack of liver kept on the bottom shelf.

One day he went for a stroll . . . and didn't come back. His family called and searched. For a month they kept the back door propped open, just in case.

Then a neighbor found Sammie's beautiful plume of tail in a steel trap, put out for gophers. Sammie had extricated himself from the trap, but had he died of the pain? The neighborhood was combed, without result.

Seventeen months later his family were motoring past the old home in Indiana and saw a black cat atop the gatepost by the diningroom window, a black cat that disappeared in a flash when they got out the car. Of course they didn't dream it was Sammie, but could it be one of his kittens? Perhaps they could beg one.

"That's your cat," the woman at the old home told them. "He knocked at the diningroom window last spring, but ran when I opened the door. His feet were so sore they left bloody tracks on the porch. We put out food, but he waits until we come back in the house before he eats."

Sammie had traveled 700 miles, had crossed the Mississippi, in a lonely search of home and family. Was it because, crazed by the amputation of his tail, the memory of his new home was blotted out and the "pull" was for his old home so many miles away? And he had found it with no landmarks to guide him—he'd made the trip away from there by train.

When his mistress walked toward the barn, where Sammie was hiding, and softly called his name, he came to her and purred to high heaven when she picked him up. He wasn't wild anymore. Of course he went back to South Dakota with her! And he was so happy he wasn't even disappointed when he nosed open the refrigerator door and didn't find his liver on the bottom shelf.

The Associated Press carried Sammie's story, and psychologists wrote to authenticate the details. Sammie's mistress discouraged the many who wanted to conduct experiments in the hope of discovering new facts about the homing instinct of cats. The longest distance on record at that time did not approximate the 700 miles Sammie had traveled. You see, Sammie was born in 1910. He was nine years old when he made the long journey. His mistress is Mrs. Margaret Stansbury Stockton, Dean of Business and Economics at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

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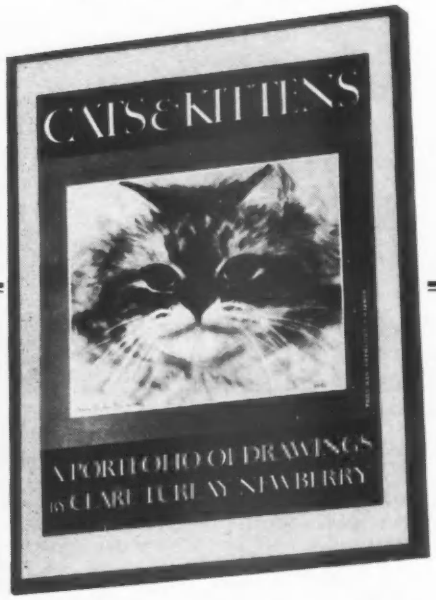
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by **Guy Bogart**

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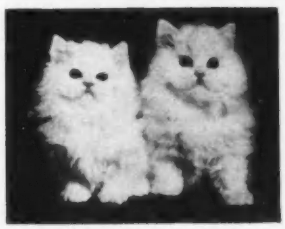
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The vomiting is probably due to a nervous reflex condition. It may help to almost hand feed her, giving her just a small amount at a time with a lapse of a minute or so between bites. Some form of digestant aid might be indicated, also—the type would depend upon examination of the particular individual.

We own two beautiful Siamese—16 months old and in good health. I would like your opinion and advice on three questions: Bad breath from babyhood; beautiful coats, but constant shedding; Ming's tail-chewing. She started not too long after we got her, before her first season. I've tried everything to stop the chewing—scolding, petting, even smearing her tail with mustard. Can you suggest something to stop this habit?

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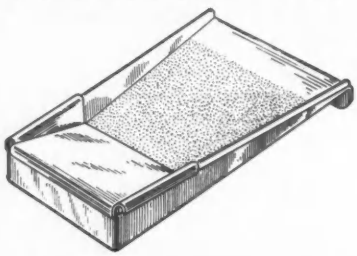
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DELILAH

(from page 5)

were scattered over the floor, knocked from high shelves which a cat could reach only by climbing the curtain. Since curtain climbing was a specialty of Delilah's, the evidence was plain that she had been in there. Besides the boxes, a clothes rack was overturned.

"I'll have to admit," Will finally conceded, "something queer went on in here."

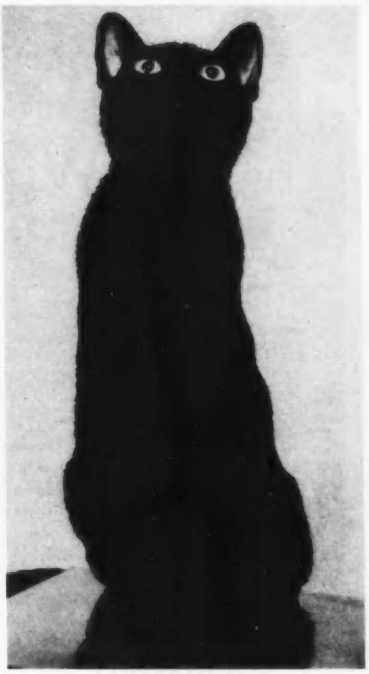
Queer, indeed. And the kittens! They were lying still and quiet, but there was something odd about their posture. They were scattered, not huddled, as kittens usually sleep. Looking closely I saw drops of blood on the blanket. "The kittens are dead!" I cried.

Examining them we found they had been bitten in the necks. "She's killed them," I said, "trying to get them out of here."

In my opinion circumstantial evidence had convicted Delilah of murder and sorcery. Delilah's death had been decreed, and now I was afraid to go through with the sentence.

It was ten o'clock when I went to clean up the dressing room. My mind was still see-sawing between two questions—was Delilah a witch or was I crazy? After replacing the boxes on the shelves, I set upright the overturned clothes rack. Finally, reaching down into the corner to pick up some clothing, I let out a shriek! My hand had touched fur! I gave one terrified glance. There, glaring at me with baleful eyes, crouched a sleek black cat, the image of Delilah except larger. I rushed from the room and slumped down weakly on the back steps. Suddenly the hitherto silent creature uttered a spine-tingling yowl. At the sound, up strode Delilah looking at me as if to say, "I told you so."

My mind flew back to reconstruct the tragedy in light of my new knowlege. During the brief interval in which the



dressing room window was open, Delilah must have gone out and this brazen tom cat slipped in. It was he who had killed the kittens and upset the room.

Still trembling, I picked up Delilah and tried to apologize for unjustly accusing her. But I was so relieved at proof of my sanity that I forgot that I was the arch criminal in the case. Besides not allowing Delilah to hide her kittens as she had so desperately tried to do, I had shut her out from their protection and had shut the killer in. Death for Delilah was happily withdrawn, but the guilty verdict still applies—to myself.

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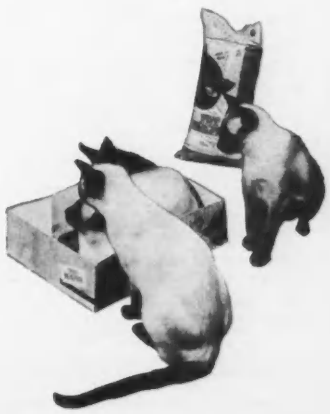
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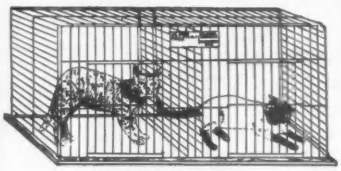
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Cats Club and Show Reporter

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AA and AS CORRECTIONS

To our readers and to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Rickard Birkett, and Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan our deep regrets for several errors in the editorial columns of CATS. In the September CATS, page 5, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, owners of the O.S. Cat of the Year, Gr. & Quin. Ch. La Chatta of Beverly-Serrano have their names spelled incorrectly in the feature box. In the story of the All-Americans, Mr. and Mrs. Birkett's Tpl. Gr. Ch. Tempurra Yours Truly, Cat of the Year, should have been listed as a Blue Point throughout. In the August issue, Mrs. O'Donovan's Tpl. Gr. Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Ricki also had his name inadvertently misspelled several times on page 17. We are very sorry for these mishappenings, and trust that this notice may partially set them right.

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A STEP FORWARD IN SHOW MANAGEMENT

by Mrs. Leigh Manley

Too little attention has been given to a fairly recent innovation in the realm of cat shows. One of the newest wrinkles yet is the quadruple show. No, NOT the all breed show with three color or breed specialties held in conjunction—I'm talking about the single weekend double show—two all breed shows sponsored by two separate clubs but each on a single day and in the same hall. Each all breed is accompanied by a Longhair specialty and a Shorthair specialty. There can be four or six or eight judges. The all breed shows must be split into Longhair and Shorthair divisions with separate judges officiating so that they can be at work concurrently in order that an entire all breed show can be finished in one day and at a reasonable hour. The judge who does the Longhair section of Saturday's all breed show can do the Shorthair section of Sunday's all breed, or the judges can be rotated so that each of four judges will do one half of an all breed and one specialty—judging Longhairs in one assignment and Shorthairs in the other. The basic idea is to provide four different judges for each cat—four separate chances to win: hence the term "quadruple" show.

The advantages are many. The two clubs, with or without specialty clubs to sponsor the specialty shows, can pool their resources and their working crews. There will be just as much work for entry clerks, show secretaries and stewards as for two separate shows on separate weekends. There is half the labor to set up and tear down cages and half the need for ticket sellers and takers, however.

Costs to the clubs for ribbons, rosettes, and for judges fees and expenses are the same as for two shows but the rental fees for the cages and hall plus the cost of decorating the hall are half as great. There should be some savings on the catalog, but we hope the cost of tickets would be the same!

Such a pooling of resources and sharing of cost should improve the possibility of shows being financially successful. Cat show economics are becoming more and more difficult and no sound step towards minimizing the risk to the sponsoring club should be overlooked.

The benefits to the exhibitors are tremendous. The costs of traveling to the show, meals and lodging at the show and the problem of finding someone to care for the stay-at-home portion of the cattery (and of the exhibitor's family) are half as great as they would be for two separate shows. Wear and tear on nerves may be as great or greater, but wear and tear on the car and on all the show equipment is less. Surely one can make no more enemies at a quadruple show than at a show requiring an equal amount of time spent in the hall, but the opportunity for making new friends is increased because fanciers are willing to travel further for the greater opportunity to win. An exhibitor lives so far away that he must take time away from his or her employment in order to get to ANY show, surely it makes more sense in every way to choose the show which affords the greatest opportunities for championship points and other honors.

At such a quadruple show it is obviously possible to win a championship under the rules of any of the associations and/or to make nice progress towards a coveted "grand." One wonders what point there is in paying the double entry fees for a kitten who has no chance at a championship win. Well, we discovered that a kitten can win an honorable mention sectional award at one quadruple show on one weekend. In fact, it MIGHT be possible to win better than honorable mention!

As it stands now, there have been two quadruple shows—one in Texas under ACFA rules which reportedly ran like the proverbial clockwork; and one in Oakland, California under UCF rules, which, unfortunately, fell somewhat

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CFF Rules

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NOVEMBER 24-25, 1956

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FORTY-FOURTH CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

December 1-2, 1956

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Cats Show Calendar

October

6- 7—Reno, Nevada—Reno Cat Fanciers (ACA) All Breed (Floy McGill); LH Specialty (Emma Grant); SH Specialty (Polly Jones).
6- 7—Wilmington, Delaware.—Delaware Cat Fancier (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Lester O'Neill); LH and SH Specialties (Robert Martin).
12—Garden City, L. I., N. Y.—Cat Fanciers of Long Island (ACA). All Breed (Jasperine Hedrick Jones); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. Henry Bode).
13—Edgely, Pa.—Delaware Valley Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed (Ruth McNaughtan); LH and SH Specialties (Gertrude Hamaker).
13-14—Seattle, Wash.—Seattle Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Max Fiedler); LH and SH Specialties (Everett R. Paul).
20-21—Los Angeles, Calif.—Pacific Cat Fanciers (CFF).
20-21—Rochester, N. Y.—Genesee Cat Fanciers Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Kay Thoma McQuillen); LH and SH Specialties (Naomi Favors).
20-21—New Orleans, La.—Cat Fanciers of New Orleans, Inc. (ACA). All Breed (Ruth McNaughtan); LH and SH Specialties (Lois Bode).
26-27—San Rafael, Calif.—Marin County Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Louise Fiedler); LH and SH Specialties (Rosamund Flynn).
26-27—Philadelphia, Pa.—Penn State Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Betty Youngman); Longhair Specialty (Doris Hobbs); Shorthair Specialty (Alice Dugan).
27-28—Minneapolis, Minn.—Twin City Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. D. Carroll); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan).
27—Kansas City, Mo.—Kansas City Midwest Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); Specialties (Don Clapp).
28—Kansas City, Mo.—Cornhuskers Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Hope Johnston); Specialties (Helen Mueller).

November

3- 4—Cleveland, Ohio—Cleveland Persian Society (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); LH and SH Specialties (Lucile Pelton).
3- 4—Portland, Oregon—Rose City Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Floy McGill); Longhair and Shorthair Specialties (Christine Whittier).
3- 4—Milwaukie, Wisc.—Midwest Feline Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Doris Hobbs); Specialties (Mrs. Jasperine Hedrick).
3- 4—Hartford, Conn.—Connecticutt Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Ella Conroy); LH and SH Specialties (Betty Youngman).
3- 4—San Diego, Calif.—Silver Gate Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed, Specialties.
4—Montreal, Quebec, Canada—Montreal Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed—Longhairs (Ruth McNaughtan)—Shorthairs (Louise Fiedler); SH Specialty (Louise Fiedler).
10-11—Chicago, Ill.—North Shore Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. L. Darrel Sample); LH and SH Specialties (Naomi Favors).
10-11—Chico, Calif.—Tri-County Cat Club (ACA).
10-11—Walnut Creek (Contra Costa County), Calif.—Mt. Diablo Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. H. O. Reed); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. C. C. Strange).
10-11—Glendale, Calif.—Jewel City Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Charles Victor); LH Specialty (Mildred Alexander); SH Specialty (Louise Price).
10-11—Denver, Colorado—Colorado Cat Fanciers, Inc. (ACFA). All Breed (Phyllis Whitney); LH and SH Specialties (Mars Hanson).
15-16—Boston, Mass.—Boston Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. R. T. Mabie); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Frances Herms).
17-18—Albuquerque, New Mexico—Duke City Cat Fanciers (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); LH and SH Specialties (Frances Kosierowski).
17-18—Atlanta, Ga.—Cotton States Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. L. Darrel Sample); LH and SH Specialties (Kay Thoma McQuillen).
18—Hawthorne, Calif.—Hawthorne Silver Fanciers (CFA). Silver Specialty (Mrs. Elsie Flaherty).
24-25—Buffalo, N. Y.—Buffalo Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. H. O. Reed); SH and LH Specialties (Mrs. Louise Sample).
24-25—Baton Rouge, La.—Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club (ACFA).

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NOVEMBER 3 and 4, 1956

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NOVEMBER 24-25, 1956

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Show Manager: Bill Deeths

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Show Calendar

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24-25—Indianapolis, Ind.—Hoosier Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFF). All Breed (Doris Hobbs); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Walter Rehbein).
24-25—Des Moines, Iowa—Hawkeye State Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. J. H. Revington); LH and Siamese Specialties (Stella Harlos).
24-25—Sacramento, Calif.—Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Francis Herms); SH and SC Specialties (Mrs. C. F. Rotter).

December

1- 2—San Jose, Calif.—Santa Clara Valley Cat Club (CFF).
1- 2—Long Beach, Calif.—Long Beach Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed and Specialties.
1- 2—Louisville, Ky.—Ohio Valley Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski); LH and SH Specialties (Hope Johnson).
1- 2—Chicago—Beresford Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Doris Hobbs); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. E. F. Hamaker).
1- 2—East Orange, N. J.—The Garden State Cat Club of N. J., Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Robert Martin): SC Specialty (Mrs. John Swenson); T&T Specialty (Mrs. Swenson); Silver Specialty (Mrs. Swenson); Siamese Specialty (Sven Nelson).
8- 9—Dayton, Ohio—Miami Valley Feline Society (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); LH and SH Specialties (Gertrude Lacey).
8- 9—Kansas City, Mo.—Mo-Kan Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Walker K. Johnston); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Horace Reed).
8- 9—Miami, Fla.—The Catkins (ACFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski); Shorthair Breed Specialties and Longhair Color Specialties.
13-14—New York, N. Y.—Atlantic Cat Club (CFF). All Breed, Specialties.
15-16—Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.—Long Island Cat Breeders Club (CFF). All Breed (Doris Hobbs); LH Specialty (Mrs. J. J. Small); SH Specialty (Alice Dugan).
15-16—Los Angeles, Calif.—California Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Lawrence Pelton); Silver Specialty (Mrs. James Mood); SH Specialty (Mrs. M. E. Farmer).

January

5- 6—Columbus, Ohio—Ohio State Persian Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. John Hunter); T&T, Silver, SC Specialties (Mrs. Rita Swenson).
5- 6—Burbank, Calif. (San Fernando Valley Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Jess Adair); LH Specialty (Mrs. Emma Grant); SH Specialty (Mrs. Virginia Lee Sweem).
10-11—New York, N. Y.—Empire Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. D. Carroll); Longhair Specialty (Mrs. J. H. Revington); All Shorthair (except Siamese) Specialty (Mrs. Revington); Siamese Specialty (Mrs. Richard O'Donovan).
12-13—San Diego, Calif.—San Diego Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Laura Graham); LH and SH Specialties (To be announced).
12-13—Miami, Florida—Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Robert E. Martin); Specialties (To be announced).
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19-20—Solon, Ohio—Portage Trail Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Henry Herms); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Lester O'Neill).
26-27—St. Louis, Mo.—Greater St. Louis Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); LH and SH Specialties (Lucile Pelton).

February

2- 3—Dayton, Ohio—Dayton Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); SC and SH (Mrs. Lawrence Pelton).
2- 3—Memphis, Tenn. Memphis & Mid-South Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed and LH and SH Specialties.
9-10—Rockford, Ill.—Rock Valley Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed, LH and SH Specialties.
9-10—Honolulu, Hawaii—Hawaii Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter).
16-17—Buffalo, N. Y.—Frontier Feline Fanciers (ACFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski); LH and SH. Specialties (Lillian Limpert).
16-17—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Sunshine City Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. G. E. Hamaker); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Max Fiedler).
23-24—Dallas Texas—American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Rollin A. Cable); LH and SH Specialties (Ann Manley).
23-24—Dallas, Texas—North Texas Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. B. Tebbetts).
23-24—Cincinnati, Ohio—Cincinnati Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Laura Graham); LH and SH Specialties (Beth O'Donovan).
23-24—San Francisco, Calif.—Golden West Cat Club (CFA). All Breed, LH Specialty, SH Specialty. (Judges to be announced).

March

9-10—Washington, D. C.—Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Miss Elsie G. Hydon); Specialties (To be announced).

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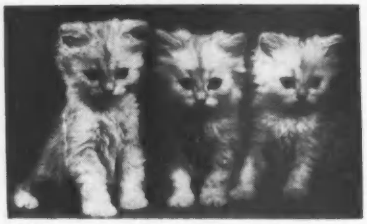
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DREAM

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Equipment for medical supplies could include an otoscope and a black lamp. As to medicine itself this is a matter of opinion. I would stock the chest with some of the antibiotics, sulpha drugs, antiseptics, the new non-toxic iodine, baby oils, Q-Tips, cotton, adhesive tape, sterile cloths, insecticides and fungicides. Most of these can be obtained from your veterinarian and I am sure he will help you stock the chest if you ask him.

Of course, there are many other supplies that can be added as time goes by. It is better to be prepared than to be too late.

STUD ROOMS

The rooms for housing the stud cats are a little larger than those for the queens. This enables the stud to get needed exercise for he won't be allowed the freedom of the queens. The importance of the concrete and tile is well noted in the stud rooms. Also the running water with drains, etc. All these are important to keeping the room clean and fresh. In these rooms it would be well to have some ventilating fans as they are needed at times. As for furnishings I would suggest a small porcelain table for quickie grooming. A cage with a sleeping box should he desire it, which could also be used to house the queen for the first few hours until they become acquainted. Staggered shelves can be added to one wall for his enjoyment and exercise. A scratching post or log is quite a necessity here as well as in the queens' rooms. Of course, the ever present sanitary pan should not be forgotten either. This would very well cover the needs of the stud cats.

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The rooms for the queens are smaller than those of the stud and several queens may be housed in one room. They will be given more freedom than the males because of their more cleanly habits. A small porcelain table can be used here also. Cages with finer wire and smaller openings to prevent kittens from falling out of them are used. They, too, will have sleeping boxes for all cats love to have a box to either sleep in or upon.

SUN PORCHES

The sun porches are used for exercising and sunning. They should be higher than the ground so as to be free from insects and other animals. They should be constructed of heavy wire with an outer frame of small mesh to keep out flies, etc. The roof should be made so as to let in sunlight and keep out rain. A box for growing grass should be included for cats love to eat it, and it is good for them.

BASEMENT

The basement need not be large. I would have it just big enough to hold a combination heater and air-conditioner. Here I would also have the suction system with leads to every room to take the place of lugging around a vacuum cleaner. The pressurized steamer could also be placed in the basement with lines to every room. You could also use some of this space for storing additional sanitary pan supplies.

This is my idea of a perfect cattery, but until the day comes along when I see my dream fulfilled, I will string along with what I have. It isn't the finest in the world but those who have seen it, compliment me on the condition, pleasant atmosphere and well-thought-up arrangement. It is large and it is airy and light. With its soft pink painted walls and bright gray colored floor, it does add something to the beauty of the Blue-Eyed Whites by contrast. Each cat gets its exercise and they obtain the benefit from the sun through the rear window. The cats are well satisfied with their home and should they be removed for a time, are always anxious to get back. The only drawback is that it is on the third floor, making the stair climbing a little tiresome at times. However, the nursery is on the second floor, convenient to everything and works out quite well, especially when tiny kittens are present.

So, like all dreamers, I am in a world of my own, where contentment and joy intermingle, bringing happiness each and every day. You, too, can be happy breeding cats, if you will strive towards your dreams, with the hope that some day all will come true.

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BACKFENCE

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Mr. McDowell's story is somewhat the same. His cat Smokey, long time dog chaser has just been intimidated by the birds. It appears that in the early spring, during the nesting season, Smokey learned quickly to stay away from areas the robins and blue jays had chosen.

He respected their boundaries and they allowed him unmolested wanderings. The mockingbirds, however, acknowledged no such truce and continued to chase him, dive-bomb him, and scream at him no matter what or where his errand. Mr. McDowell declares he has seen them chase Smokey all around the house for merely minding his own business.

Not too long ago, as Smokey was stalking heavens knows what, he espied a squirrel on the fence. Fair sport, he thought. Just as the chase was gathering speed, the mockingbirds rallied to the squirrel's defence and sent Smokey in full retreat to the safety of the house. The squirrel, duly grateful, was pausing to give some sort of animal thanks, when his rescuers set upon him just as violently as they had Smokey. He escaped, but should you ever see a squirrel shaking his head in bewilderment—'tis likely this one.—J. L.

FORUM

(from page 19)

short of the desired efficiency. Even so, two complete all breed shows plus four specialties had been completed when the weekend was over, despite the late hour on Sunday night. (How MANY single shows run just as late!) It is imperative that the show committee be fully organized and efficient, that the judges be efficient and that they do not let down or drag at any point, that the master of ceremonies know show procedure backwards, forwards and sideways (it often seems to go sideways these days!) and that he be clear of voice and full of patience—and that each and every exhibitor cooperate completely.

On Sunday at Oakland, it was the exhibitors who bogged down and nothing the management, the master of ceremonies or the judges could do would help. The exhibitors did not bring up their cats within a reasonable length of time when classes were called. Indeed it seemed as though they stopped listening for their numbers at all.

Of course, it is nerve-wracking for the exhibitors to have to keep track of two or more stages all at once. We personally found it nearly impossible to keep cats on both Shorthair stages at one time and still keep track of our benched cats and one small son (we had left the other boy with friends for the weekend, fortunately!), and we were showing only Siamese females of three colors. It must be virtually impossible for breeders showing both Longhairs and Shorthairs or more than one breed of Shorthairs to keep their wits at all. The last thing Sunday night, even as sympathetic as I was to the whole problem of keeping the show going, I failed to recognize one of our numbers (for which I must apologize to all concerned).

I repeat: Complete cooperation of all the exhibitors, show workers, judges and club members is absolutely essential for the benefit of all.

Even so, the quadruple show is a step forward. At present it is a boon to the breeder who must operate within a small budget—offering almost twice the opportunity to show. If all the associations (or member clubs thereof—since no association's rules seem to forbid such combined shows) adopt the plan, the more affluent breeder may still have the advantage but showing will be easier and less expensive for ALL fanciers.



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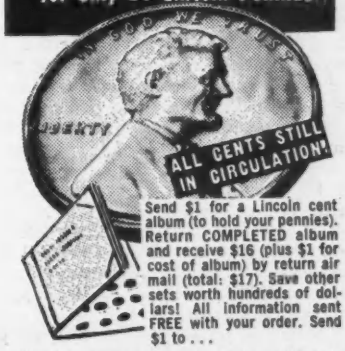
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And while we are on the subject of champions, you probably have heard the name of Guy Bogart mentioned in that class. He is perhaps the country's greatest living authority on cats. Tamara Andreeva authored a timely article in the *New York Mirror* which brought to millions of readers Mr. Bogart's unending crusade for freedom of cats. Since 1945, Mr. Bogart has spent a prodigious amount of time and effort to thwart one Miss Charny's legislative efforts to control and/or exterminate the feline. Miss Charny, a former Chicagoon of determined nature and sufficient funds has tried in all 48 states to have her "Marauding Cat Bill" become law in order to "protect" the birds of America.

Mr. Bogart, the Regent of all cats, has done equally well to see the aforesaid bill vetoed. His days are crowded hours devoted to radio, pamphlets and staggering amounts of correspondence with people who count—Washington brass, scientists, veterinarians, mayors and the like—and all in the interest of cats.

"I am less irked," he says, "by people who hate cats than by cat lovers who apologize for them."

One of his favorite stories is of the farmer who just plain hated cats and of the one cat he simply could not get rid of by fair or foul methods. Everytime he tried losing it, it turned up again. He decided to take the cat so far away, it could never find its way back.

Mr. Bogart, on meeting him shortly after his announcement, asked if the cat had again found the way home.

"Darned tootin' he did. And I'm glad of it. I had to follow the durn thing home!"

Out-of-town patrons of the Hotel Ritz in Madrid might well follow *Gatito* (Little Cat) should they lose their way while there. The *New York Journal American* had a feature on this now plush living, one-time alley forager, Gatito.

The Madrid Ritz, known in travelers' circles as the ritziest of all Ritzes, opens its gates at two every morning and in strolls a nondescript kitty wearing the air of royalty. The word is quickly passed to the kitchen and Gatito is served. Dinner over and face and paws devoid of any filet mignon, the "Lord of the Spanish Succession" sits in the lush vestibule of the main lobby, acting as host and critic to late comers.

Comes the morning sun, this longtime freebooter goes out to rejoin his less fortunate pals, who by some strange animal contract have never tried to join him at his stay at the Ritz.

Continental cats? Yes, another story about them. The *Christian Science Monitor* has a column by Mary Cunnings datelined Rome. She writes that the obviously loved cats have given her more of a sense of being home than has anything else. Each shop has a plump kitty adorning a corner inside or one sunning in the doorway.

These, she found out, were not English-speaking cats, and even coaxing with "Mee-show, Mee-show," (phonetic spelling) failed to bring any of them running. The natives use a kissing sound to attract them.

The most humorous happening of her ten weeks in Italy came in the Colosseum. She had absorbed all the lore and tradition regarding this edifice to man's building genius. This, the site where wild game hunts and gladiators' battles had been held—where Christians were allegedly fed to the lions—was to be a highlight in the trip.

She walked through the great portals—conditioned to be overwhelmed—when a family of small black and white cats burst forth from a too-small cage, bringing the bars with them. The illusion of grandeur was dispersed in a burst of laughter. The only ancient allusion to remain was the thought that the cats were still too wild to be petted.

A camera-shop man, when asked about the cats representing the lions of the Colosseum said, "The Romans were formerly beeg, beeg men and now are small. May be the cat . . .". The expressive shoulder shrug and the broad grin left the conclusion up to her.

Perhaps the charming Italian gentleman had a point—what, what *IS* happening even in the feline family? In *This and That*, Charles E. Tracewell's column in the *Washington Star* and again in Mr. McDowell's column in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* there is suspicious evidence that there is a movement awing in our fine feathered friends, the birds', camp. No longer, according to these two interested spectators, does the sight of a cat strike terror in the breast of a bird.

Mr. Tracewell's big striped tomcat, Stubs has a mockingbird in hot pursuit of his dignity. Old Stubs, two time victim of autos, lacking two-thirds of his tail, and likely suffering from arthritis, has never caught a bird in his life. You can't however, convince the male mockingbird of that.

At first, the bird was content to drive Stubs to cover 'neath the bushes by swooping down and thunking (Mr. Tracewell's pet word) his flank. The last attack, made on the cat's own porch, was a well delivered one-two to the face with a strong bill to the eye, sending Stubs practically through the screen door. Stubs now stays indoors while the mockingbird tells the world of his victory. The enemy has been overthrown! Viva the feather!

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